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Title : Need to clear the proposal of the Government of Andhra Pradesh for the development of Inland Waterways & Inland Water Transport.

SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO (GUNTUR): Andhra Pradesh Government has requested for development of Inland Waterways and inland water transport in Andhra Pradesh. A proposal in this regard for development of Inland Waterways and Inland Water Transport in Andhra Pradesh by declaring River Godavari between Bhadrachalam and Rajahmundry, alongwit River Krishna between Wazirbad and Prakasam barrange, integrated with Kakinada Canal, Eluru Canal, Commamur Canal and Buckingham canal as National Waterways is under consideration of Government of India.

The Inland Waterways Authority of India, in its recent letter dated 23.8.2005 have informed that the above proposal has already been studied by IWAI and after it was found viable for development, proposal for declaration of the same as national Waterways is already under active consideration of Government of India; that after declaration of this waterway system as National Waterway, Government of India through IWAI will take up the development works through entire funding by Government of India, with proactive support of Government of Andhra Pradesh.

The approval of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and shipping is still awaited. I urge upon the Government to take necessary action at an early date which will be beneficial to the state of Andhra Pradesh.